

**YES on Proposition 6 – Ballot Argument**

Vote YES on Proposition 6 to *immediately lower the price you pay for gasoline.*

Prop. 6 does two things. It repeals the massive increase in gas, diesel and car taxes imposed by the Legislature just last year. Second, it requires voter approval for any future attempt by the Legislature to do it again. That's it.

Here's why Prop. 6 deserves your YES vote:

FACT: California's cost of living is skyrocketing and working families can barely keep up. The new gas and car tax hikes can cost a family of four more than \$500 per year! That's not pennies, that's real money.

FACT: The gas tax hike is not fair. It's a regressive tax that hits working families and the poor much harder than the wealthy.

FACT: Californians pay about 95.5 cents to the government on every gallon of gas. That's about *\$18 in taxes and fees on a typical fill-up* – much more than motorists pay in other states.

FACT: California has a \$16 billion budget surplus, but the Sacramento politicians decided to spend billions this year on their pet projects instead of improving roads, bridges and highways. In fact, the Legislature has actually REDUCED Caltrans funding by 18 percent over the last ten years.

FACT: 72% of all state motor vehicle related taxes and fees collected by the state are used for programs other than streets, roads and highways. It's time to end the transportation funding shell game.

*(Check these facts and learn more at GiveVotersAVoice.com)*

Don't be fooled by opponents who claim there is no money to fix roads if Prop. 6 passes. If the transportation-related taxes and fees we already paid *before* this new tax increase took effect were spent on transportation – the state would have \$5.6 billion annually for transportation needs, *without* raising taxes.

That's why unbiased transportation experts agree the Legislature needs to prioritize its spending and gas and car tax hikes are NOT necessary to fix the roads.

*"The waste of taxpayer dollars going to transportation is legendary. California could have great roads if it simply adopted basic reforms."* Robert K. Best, former Director of Caltrans

Before raising gas and car taxes by \$52 BILLION over 10 years, the Legislature should clean up the corruption and inefficiency that causes California to spend 62% above the national average to build highway lanes.

Nearly a million Californians hurt by high gas prices – small-business owners, teachers, retired people, union members – signed the petition to place Prop. 6 on the ballot.

Vote YES on Prop. 6 to save your family hundreds of dollars a year by repealing the unnecessary gas and car tax increase – and end the shell game Sacramento politicians play with our transportation funds.

*Vote YES on Prop. 6 to help California's struggling middle class and working families make ends meet.*

Vote YES on Prop. 6 to demand that politicians spend our transportation tax dollars as intended and promised -- to maintain our streets, highways and bridges.

*Vote YES on Prop. 6 to immediately lower gas prices!*

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